

LESSON

1

PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

Types of Characters and Character Traits

Directions: Read the following passage. Fill in the sentences in the graphic organizer with Will's traits. Answer the question about main and minor characters on the back of this sheet.

Will lifted Smoky out of the car and carried him into the veterinarian's waiting room. Will was surprised at how light the cat was. Will didn't especially like Smoky. He was a very grumpy cat, who seemed to dislike all humans except for Will's twelve-year-old daughter. For her sake, Will told himself, and for no other reason, he worried about Smoky.

In the examining room, the vet put Smoky on a metal table. Will wondered if it felt as cold as it looked and then felt foolish for worrying about a cat's feelings. He was not a sentimental man; he told himself that cats can get used to anything. The vet said that Smoky had lost too much of his body weight, but that medication would improve his condition. He looked at Will. "I can see Smoky means a lot to you, and I promise—he'll soon be just fine."

Will frowned. He was uncomfortable that anyone should think the cat meant much to him. "Well," he said shortly, "Good. I'll tell my daughter. It's really her cat. Thanks." He paid the bill and then picked Smoky up very gently and carried him back to the car. "OK, Smoky," he said. "OK." He didn't understand why he felt so relieved.

Method of Revealing Will's Character	Quotations from Story	Character Traits
1. Thoughts and Feelings	"Will wondered if it felt as cold as it looked and then felt foolish for worrying about a cat's feelings."	
2. How Others React	"I can see Smoky means a lot to you, and I promise—he'll soon be just fine."	
3. Direct Comment	"He was uncomfortable that anyone should think the cat meant that much to him."	
4. Speech and Actions	"'Well,' he said shortly, "'Good. I'll tell my daughter. It's really her cat. Thanks.' He paid the bill and then picked Smoky up very gently and carried him back to the car."	

5. Who is the main character in the passage? How do you know? Name one or more minor characters. Why did you choose him or them?